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This issue of the Foundation report shows snippets of both the donors who have helped make things happen here at the School as well as some of the people who have benefited from private giving. I wish we could tell all of the stories but with more than 1,700 annual donors and all of people who benefit from those gifts yearly, we would have to write a dissertation in order to cover it all. Every story is important to us—the written ones and the unwritten ones. The impact that private gifts have on faculty, staff, and students lasts for years beyond their time at Carolina.

Beyond our donors and recipients, the other important facet of the Foundation and the School is transparency—striving to earn and maintain your trust with your valuable resources. We spend donations in a way that is keeping with your intent and our strict policies and we will also continue to invest them in a way that will maximize the benefit to donor and recipient alike. We cannot be Carolina Pharmacy without you and your loyalty is paramount to program success.

If you should ever have questions concerning how we use your resources, please do not hesitate to contact us. When serving as preceptors to our students, speaking in the classroom, giving financially, or volunteering on our boards, you make it possible for us to be excellent. It is the Carolina Way...you and us working together.



Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kevin L. Almond'.

Kevin L. Almond, RPh.

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Cliff Butler '68 BSP Pharm and Linda Lynch Butler '68 BSP Pharm

North Carolina natives and Chapel Hill residents Cliff and Linda Butler have much in common, including their love for Carolina, their pursuits in pharmacy, and their pride in the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

"We give every year," the Butlers said. "We love the opportunity to make the School more accessible, and we hope the recipients of our scholarship will also give back when they are able."

"These young folks at the School are so impressive and work so hard," Linda said. She is proud of the high caliber pharmacists the School produces, as they are, in her words, "much admired and successful, both in the state and nationwide."

The School's graduates are, Cliff said, "the best advertisement for the good job the school is doing. They come out of school confident and skilled." He values the School for its excellence, and to him, it shows dedication, accessibility, and reliability—important ingredients for being the best.

The Butlers are bonded by a strong sense of service and community. Many of their family members are involved in pharmacy. "It has been

great sharing the pharmacy experience with family and having a spouse to learn from that understands what your life at work is like," Cliff said.

Cliff began working in his father's drug store as an 11-year-old boy. Daily, he witnessed his parents befriend customers, making each one feel as if he or she was just the person they wanted to see. From this example, Cliff went on to pursue the lifestyle he shares with his wife today.

"The girl of my dreams was the daughter of the pharmacists that owned the drug store across the street," he said. "I followed her to UNC and then to pharmacy school."

After graduation, both Cliff and Linda enjoyed extensive careers in retail pharmacy. Cliff spent 36 years as a pharmacist for Eckerd, where he was dedicated to providing quality service to his customers. Linda also devoted 25 years working as a pharmacist for Eckerd. She then shifted into drug information and continued serving the profession as a valued friend in the pharmacy community. Linda cherishes the lifelong relationships, both personal and professional, she has formed with colleagues in the field.

The couple embraces their deep ties to UNC and to the School through continuous involvement and consistent support. It is their familial legacy and personal connection to the school that prompted the Butlers to establish the Cliff and Linda Butler Fund and the Herman and Ernestine Lynch Scholarship. Cliff and Linda are proud, not only for those funds they have created, but that the School has so many scholarships to award.

For several years now, Cliff has helped the admissions committee to select the best and brightest candidates for its programs. Of this experience, Cliff said, "I have loved helping pick the pharmacists and researchers that will take us into the future."

“I don’t forget the help [the faculty] gave me along the way. A lot of my success I owe to them.”

Maurice Alexander '10 PharmD

As a recent graduate of the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy and a current first-year pharmacy resident at UNC Hospitals, Maurice Alexander recognizes the impact his mentors had on his learning experience.

At the School, Alexander built lasting relationships with the faculty. He recalled countless times he went to them for professional advice and career insights. Their commitment to his personal, academic, and professional development was memorable, and Alexander appreciates their efforts and influence.

“I don’t forget the help they gave me along the way,” he said. “A lot of my success I owe to them.” Among other scholarships and distinctions, Alexander was a Hollingsworth Scholar and received the Howard and Mescal Ferguson Award during his time at the School.

“We are fortunate that the School has so many scholarships to offer,” Alexander acknowledged. “The opportunities they provide are tremendous.” Alexander’s involvement in various student organizations and community outreach projects made his experience at the School worthwhile. He served as vice president of the Class of 2010, on the Operation Diabetes team under the Carolina Association of Pharmacy Students initiative, and as treasurer of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association. For his dedicated participation, character and academic achievement, Alexander received the George H. Cocolas Student Body Award in 2010.

Growing up in New Bern, Alexander remembers having his heart and mind set on attending UNC. Initially, he had medical school on his mind, as well, because of an unshakable interest in health-care. But after speaking with physicians in the field and his aunt, who was a nurse at UNC Hospitals at the time, Alexander learned early in his academic career that pharmacy would be a better fit for him. He decided it would be the best way for him to advocate patient care as a medical professional.

“By optimizing drug therapy for patients, pharmacists play a unique role in patient care,” Alexander explained. “Pharmacy has its own niche in the healthcare field, and I have found my niche in pharmacy.”

As a UNC Hospitals pharmacy resident, Alexander spends time at the School as a teacher’s assistant in the pharmacy skills lab. He said he enjoys this element of his residency because it

allows him to give back to the School and to pass along the insights and consideration that was offered to him by his mentors.

Of his education and current path in pharmacy, Alexander said, “If I had to do it again, I would.”



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1983	4.30	\$30,245
1974	3.19	\$22,374
1963	2.85	\$20,030
1977	2.72	\$19,131
1960	2.47	\$17,317
1984	2.27	\$15,935
1970	2.17	\$15,260

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George Abercrombie '78 BSPharm



George Abercrombie at his home in Chapel Hill with Maggie and Emma.

As a student, George Abercrombie saw the commitment that the School, University and its faculty made not only to his academic growth but also to his personal development. He has since devoted much of himself to making sure the same can be done for others.

Abercrombie recalls Boka Hadzija, who retired from the School last year after 40 years as a researcher and professor, as a teacher who gave counsel not just regarding pharmaceuticals but also about life.

“She was not just an excellent teacher but equally impressive was her interest in her students and their lives,” said Abercrombie, who has donated to a fund named for Hadzija. “It’s not just me. There are many, many students who benefited from her advice. I was in no way singled out.”

Abercrombie has returned that support to the School and the University in a variety of ways.

Several years ago, Abercrombie set up the George B. Abercrombie Fund to benefit of the School. The fund’s purpose, Abercrombie said, is “to help the school in whatever way the dean and the administration feel is necessary.”

Abercrombie says he did not stipulate any specific uses for the fund, which in turn gives leaders flexibility in fluid political and economic environments. “The University and the School need all the help they can get,” Abercrombie said.

As well as providing financial support, Abercrombie has also given his time and leadership. Former Chancellor Michael Hooker asked Abercrombie to serve on the University’s Board of Visitors, which Abercrombie later chaired. The board’s agenda includes public relations, governmental relations, fund raising and serving as a conduit between the university and the community. Abercrombie recalls the board served as “the eyes, ears and advisors to Chancellor Hooker.”

Abercrombie retired last year as the CEO and president of pharmaceutical powerhouse Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc. Though retired from Roche, Abercrombie remains on corporate and not-for-profit boards and is also involved with a startup.

Abercrombie spent his career with three companies that made “life-saving and life-altering medicines.” It is clear to him that his education at UNC — and his time with mentors such as Professor Hadzija — helped guide him through his professional life.

“It’s the foundation provided by the School of Pharmacy that allowed me to do that,” Abercrombie said. “It was worn proudly on my sleeve my entire career.”

“The University and the School need all the help they can get.”

“I want my legacy to be that I have done something that is helpful to others.”

Milton Whaley '51 BSPHarm

Some of Milton Whaley's experiences continue to have an impact on his life — and on the lives of others. As an eager young man of modest means growing up in a turbulent economic climate, Whaley took the opportunities given to him and made the most of his own life while also providing opportunities to those who came after him.

“I want my legacy to be that I have done something that is helpful to others,” Whaley said.

Whaley grew up during the Depression in Beulaville with his primary prospects appearing to be farming tobacco and corn. After serving two years in the service in 1945 and 1946, he instead used the G.I. Bill to enroll in the School in 1947.

Whaley is still grateful for that program. “I had the opportunity to come to school because of the G.I. Bill,” he says.

Whaley, who graduated from the School in 1951, spent his career in a number of enterprises in pharmacy profession, including many years in retail pharmacy. Much of that retail experience was in southeastern North Carolina, not far from where he grew up.

Through the Lloyd Milton Whaley Trust, Whaley provides to the School through the Pharmacy Foundation of North Carolina to support the School's programs and activities. Whaley established the trust in the 1990s while he served as president of the Foundation.

Right now, Whaley says, he wants to see the principle in the trust to grow. The more principle in the trust, the greater its power to benefit others through the income it generates. “Right now I've got [it] in a building mode,” Whaley says.



The ultimate goal, though, is to provide assistance to those students who need it.

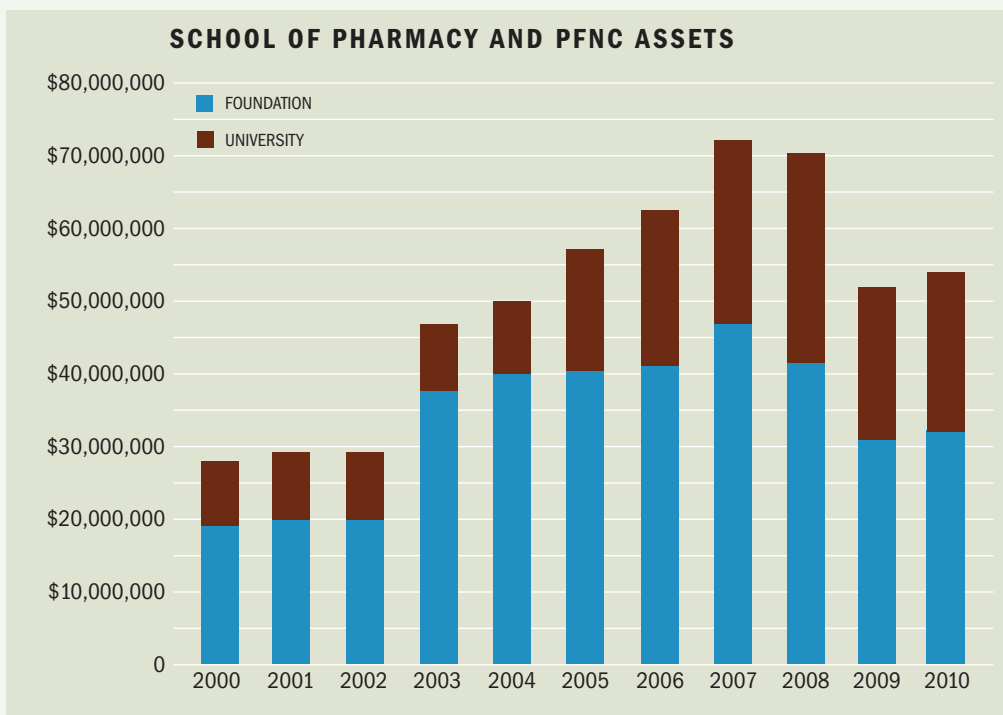
“There are people who come to the School to better themselves,” Whaley says. “What I want is if they want to give the money to a student, give it to a

student who deserves it. One, give it to a student who will work hard in school and two, who will work hard once they are out of school.”

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Steve Buckley '83 BSPharm, '88 PharmD

While his classmates began their careers as pharmacists in drug stores and medical centers, Steve Buckley found his place and success as a pharmacist in the pharmaceutical industry.

“My path has been unique, rewarding and challenging,” he said. “The pharmaceutical industry is a satisfying way to develop a career, though not many are exposed to this aspect of pharmaceuticals in school.” Buckley said he likes to share his story to demonstrate the diversity of the field and the spectrum of professional opportunities available to pharmacists.



“I want to give back the same experience and opportunities I was given,” Buckley said. “My education, both as an undergraduate and as a graduate student at the School, provided a valuable foundation for my success in the industry today.” Buckley established the Stephen Buckley Fund, which provides a scholarship to a new student each year. As director of Drug Safety and Risk Management at GlaxoSmithKline, he systematically leverages the employer match function to maximize his support for the School.

“I am fortunate that my position allows me to make the most of my contributions,” Buckley said. He also makes donations to further support scholarships for pharmacy students.

Buckley received both his bachelor’s degree and PharmD from the School, choosing to return to the university as a graduate student at School to maintain the level of excellence and education he received as an undergraduate. Between degrees, he practiced pharmacy in a hospital setting.

To explore what more he could do with his pharmacy knowledge, Buckley took a residency at a drug company prior to going back for his PharmD. He said the experience opened his eyes as well as many doors to the pharmaceutical industry. Buckley’s rotations exposed him to vast opportunities and the wide number of career paths a pharmacist could take.

Upon investigating further pharmaceuticals positions, Buckley was introduced to drug safety and risk management and fell into the industry. At the forefront of the healthcare and regulatory profession, he recognized its impact on overall public health.

“Often, not much emphasis is placed on the industry, however it performs an important function,” Buckley said. “What we do is critical to drug development process, and it’s a job best done by pharmacists.” He is interested in spreading this realization and his experiences to pharmacy students and young pharmacists.

Giving back as much as possible, Buckley enjoys being involved as an alumnus. He serves on the Foundation Board of Directors, interviews candidates for the PharmD program and speaks to students about opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry.

Michael Spivey '84 BPharm, '89 PharmD

When Michael Spivey made a gift recently to the Steve Wyrick Fund honoring his former professor and mentor, it was much more than a simple financial contribution.

Wyrick ('74 BPharm, '77 PhD), a former professor at the School, died in 2009 after a battle with Parkinson's disease. He was the recipient of many teaching awards during his career, including the School's Best Professor award and the Nicolas Slago Campus-Wide Distinguished Teaching Award in Recognition of Excellence in Inspirational Teaching of Undergraduate Students.

When Spivey learned of Wyrick's passing, he immediately thought back to the professor who had been so giving of his time during Spivey's academic career.

"The two things that stood out to me about Steve were his passion for discovery and science and his passion for students," Spivey said.

Spivey was a third-year pharmacy student when he took one of Wyrick's classes. He was interested in a career in pharmaceutical research and approached Wyrick after class one day about helping out with any research projects.

"For Steve, I was probably more work than help, to be honest," Spivey said. "He was willing to do that because of my interest. At the time I wasn't sure what I wanted to do and it gave me exposure to that industry."

While Spivey ultimately chose a different career path, the time he spent with Wyrick left a mark. "Not enough teachers have a full appreciation of their impact on students. It's a lasting impression," Spivey said.

Today, Spivey is the director of medical information for psychiatry at Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Scientific Affairs, part of Johnson & Johnson. It's a route he may not have taken if not for conversations with Ralph Raasch, an associate professor in the School's Division of Pharmacy Practice and Experiential Education.

"His discussions with me were very influential as far as my career path," Spivey said.

In addition to the Steve Wyrick Fund, Spivey has also contributed to the Class of 2009 Ralph H. Raasch Scholarship Fund.

"These two funds, I thought, were in memorial as far as my appreciation of Ralph and Steve and these two teachers who really influenced my career," Spivey said. "It's that personal connection I had with them that when I learned of the opportunity to give, it really triggered pulling out the wallet and writing that check."



Michael Spivey with his wife Laura and daughter Sara.

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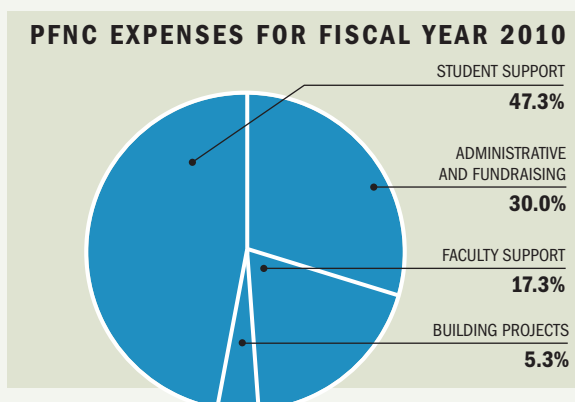
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Michael Jay, Fred Eshelman Distinguished Professor

As a recent addition to the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy family, Michael Jay has spent the past couple of years tucked away in his lab space, settling in and preparing for the upcoming ventures to which his research will take him. Where that might be, he is unsure. But being at the interface between the pharmaceutical and nuclear sciences, it will certainly be out of the ordinary.

“I have the resources to try wild, new things and to fully explore the bounds of my ideas,” Jay said. Research funds enable him to take on important projects of national and international significance. Driven by adventure, Jay has found many interesting ways to combine his fascination with radioactivity, passion for research, and knowledge of pharmaceuticals.

A Fred Eshelman Distinguished Professor, Jay admits that he enjoys the perks of his job.

“I am honored, though, not only to hold the distinguished professorship, but to be a part of

this faculty and a member of the greater university community,” Jay said.

Jay’s research at UNC is supported with funds that allow him to take chances and think out of the box. He explains that grants given by the National Institute of Health are competitive and that the ideas most often need to be proved before they are funded for research. In the position he is in now, Jay is comfortable experimenting without hesitation or great limitations.

Jay was first exposed to the excitement of nuclear science as an undergraduate at the University at Buffalo. While studying pharmacy there, he said he had the opportunity to see and experience things as a young student that most are not afforded.

After receiving his PhD in pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Kentucky, Jay spent more than a year teaching at the University of Connecticut in the Department of Nuclear Medicine, where he was introduced to issues surrounding nuclear medicine. He returned to Kentucky, remaining at the College of Pharmacy for 27 years before it was time for a new adventure.

When he decided to make a move, Jay chose to come to North Carolina to get more into his research. He joined the School as a professor in the Division of Molecular Pharmaceutics in 2008.

“I selected UNC for its vibrancy and the quality of its academic and cultural environment,” Jay said. Jay wonders where his research in the pharmaceutical and nuclear sciences will lead next. Adventures in his research already have taken him around the world and as far as China.

“When I was a kid growing up in Buffalo, NY, I never dreamed that I would ever see the Great Wall, the Taj Mahal, the Eiffel Tower,” Jay said. “Now, I have been to all of these places because of my career in pharmaceutical research.”

“We must remain confident in the power of the School’s past and in the hope for its future.”

Louis Newsome '77 BSP Pharm

For Louis Newsome, interest in providing opportunities and community for students is a family matter.

“I am a product of a family whose legacy has been a continual commitment to the enhancement of higher education institutions and to the development of students who attend them,”

said Newsome, who graduated from the School in 1977. “I’ve had the opportunity to observe from both a professional and volunteer perspective the satisfaction that can be achieved from active participation in this important work. I continue to be motivated by the quality of people these institutions produce.”

Newsome has built on his time in the School and his subsequent professional experience to become the regional pharmacy executive for the Mid-Atlantic region for United Healthcare.

While at the School, Newsome established UNC’s chapter of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association, a service organization of pharmacy students “who are concerned about pharmacy and healthcare related issues, and the poor minority representation in pharmacy and other health-related professions.”

Newsome has continued that commitment to institutional and student development continues



through his service on the School and University boards of visitors, among other things. The boards’ agendas include public relations, governmental relations, fund raising and serving as a conduit between the university and the community.

“It is easy to advocate for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. I enjoy interacting with people who, for the most part, have mutual feelings about the University,” Newsome said.

“Our job is to ensure that these folks remain aware of the tremendous resources needed to sustain and enhance this institution.”

Another measure of his dedication is the Louis A. Newsome Endowment Fund, which he established in 2005.

“I was motivated to establish the fund by friends and colleagues who took the step to give back to the institution,” Newsome said. “I wanted to help provide resources for students that would allow them to participate in activities that contribute to a memorable college experience. I benefited from this kind of generosity, and it would be gratifying if my actions inspired others to do likewise.”

Newsome has enjoyed his service to the School and maintains high expectations for upcoming opportunities.

“It has been extraordinarily gratifying to participate in the academic and physical growth of the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy,” Newsome said. “However, continued growth and excellence can not be taken for granted. We must remain confident in the power of the School’s past and in the hope for its future.”

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Blanche Burrus Clark '41 BSP Pharm

For some students, the relationship with a school lasts as long as they remain admitted. For others it lasts a lifetime.

Count Blanche Burrus Clark in the second category.

Clark graduated from the School in 1941 and practiced pharmacy for seven years before devoting herself to her family and helping her late husband, Henry, advance in his career. Henry, who graduated from the University in 1937, went on to become its vice chancellor of health affairs.

While Clark's generosity has touched nearly every area of the University, the School remains close to her heart.

"We both felt very strongly that we owed a great debt of gratitude to the University for the education it gave us and preparing us for our careers," Clark said.

Among her contributions to the School, she and her family established the Samuel Burrus Award for Community Service, which the UNC Pharmacy Alumni Association gives to a student and an alumnus each spring. The award is named for Clark's father, who was a community pharmacist in western North Carolina.

Clark arrived at the School during the Depression. "It was a struggle for many of us," Clark said. "It's just very gratifying to know that I may be helping some of these students now who may be struggling."

The School and University are very different now than when Clark arrived in 1937. She recalled that the University had 4,000 students, 300 of whom were women. Her class in the School started with 60 students, including six women. Clark said that at the time administrators deliberately limited the number of spots open to women.

She points out that only 32 members of her class in the School graduated — including all six women. "I'm very proud of that fact," Clark said.

There has been tremendous growth since Clark's time as a student. Today the University has nearly 29,000 students. The School now has about 550 professional students and about 100 graduate students, in total more than 10 times as many students as in Clark's class.



Blanche Burrus Clark, center, with 2009 Burrus Award winners Margaret Patterson Ramsey ('62 BSP Pharm) and Kader Ramsey ('62 BSP Pharm).

Still, Clark sees the School as being similar now to the institution she attended. "In a sense it is," she said. "But when I hear about students' projects and their extracurriculars, I wonder if I could have gotten into the School of Pharmacy in the first place. It's gratifying and a little overwhelming."

Relationships, particularly with the School's faculty and staff, continue to keep Clark connected. "They've always made me feel very welcome and a part of it," Clark said. "In that sense it's the same school I went to. ... That has made me more interested in contributing to it."

Clark is proud of the School's progress, and optimistic about its future, but feels efforts for improvement should not wane. According to 2008 rankings from *U.S. News & World Report*, the School ranks No. 2 among pharmacy graduate programs in the country.

"I think we need to be the best and I think we're headed that way," Clark said.

“We all benefited from going to pharmacy school, so [establishing a scholarship] was a nice way to leave something behind.”

Phi Delta Chi

The gathering of members of Phi Delta Chi at the 2009 fall reunion was more than a chance to reconnect with friends and classmates. For one group, it was an opportunity to give back to the School and generations of students to come.

A group of alumni and Phi Delta Chi members presented Dean Bob Blouin with a check for \$50,000, to be used to establish a scholarship for students at the School.

It was a gift years in the making.



During the 1970s when it had high membership numbers, PDC built a house on Finley Golf Course Road for its brothers.

Thirty years later, however, “It was hard to keep enough people to stay in the house and maintain it,” said Larry Irwin (’72 BSP Pharm). In 2005, the PDC board voted to sell the house back to the university.

“It hurt for it to disappear,” said Billy Price (’79 BSP Pharm). “There are tons of us. Way back when, we had 50 brothers. There were 36 of us in the house.”

But members found a way to turn their experience into a legacy.

“With that money we had, we decided it would be a nice gift to give some of that money back to the Foundation,” said Erwin.

Years after their graduation, the brothers of Phi Delta Chi are glad to leave something behind to be remembered by.

“In this situation with the PDCs it was really just being able to have a lasting legacy for our fraternity,” said Steve Archbell (’80 BSP Pharm). “We all benefited from going to pharmacy school so it was a nice way to leave something behind.”

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Distinguished Professorships

For the past decade, the School has grown the number of professorships exponentially.

Endowed professorships are used to help the School recruit and retain its outstanding faculty. Income from endowments may be used for salary or research support, including course development, research costs, graduate assistants, equipment and library resources.

To boost the value of private donations, the School takes advantage of the State of North Carolina Distinguished Professorships Matching Grant Program. The North Carolina General Assembly has established a fund that provides a two thirds match on gifts of \$333,000 up to \$2,333,000.

The School currently has 13 Distinguished Professorships. Turn to page 17 to read about Michael Jay, a Fred Eshelman Distinguished Professor, and how he has used his resources to expand research in his lab.

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2002	\$2,161,293
2003	\$2,404,167
2004	\$2,729,645
2005	\$9,032,828
2006	\$11,532,309
2007	\$14,014,264
2008	\$15,512,990
2009	\$12,084,842
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